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Applicant: Yoshinori Ootsuna et al.

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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2009. The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expires on January 2, 2010. Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.